

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:
 - a first recording medium reading portion capable of reading out electronic information from the first recording medium;
 - a second recording medium reading/writing portion capable of reading out and writing electronic information from and in the second recording medium, the second recording medium reading/writing portion being coupled to the first recording medium reading portion so as to be able to exchange electronic information;
 - an operating member which starts recording by the second recording medium reading/writing portion of the electronic information outputted by the first recording medium reading portion;
 - first control means for controlling the first recording medium reading portion;
 - a cache which stocks electronic information to be written in the second recording medium before the electronic information is written in the second recording medium; and
 - second control means for exchanging electronic information with the first control means via predetermined interface means and controlling the second recording medium reading/writing portion and the cache;
- wherein the first control means reads out a plurality of electronic information from the first recording medium with the first recording medium reading portion in accordance with an operation of the operating member and transmits the plurality of read out electronic information to the second control means together with ~~[[a]] first command~~ commands to request writing of the read out electronic information in the second recording medium;

wherein the second control means stocks in the cache a plurality of the first ~~commands~~ command and the respective electronic information associated therewith which have been transmitted from the first control means, and writes in the second recording medium the electronic information stocked in the cache by executing the plurality of first ~~commands~~ command in the order in which they were stocked;

wherein the first control means transmits a second command which is different from the first command, and to which the second control means responds with a predetermined command, after transmitting to the second control means all electronic information to be written in the second recording medium; and

wherein the first control means determines that transfer of the electronic information from the first recording medium to the second recording medium has been completed when a response to the second command is sent back from the second control means to the first control means.

2. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising expression means for expressing completion of transfer from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.

3. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~2, wherein the expression means includes a display device, and expression operation includes transfer of a visual message to a user.

4. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes a monitor which displays a message.

5. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes an LED.

6. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [[1]]2, wherein the expression means includes a sound generating device, and expression operation includes transfer of an auditory message to a user.

7. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the sound generating device includes a loudspeaker.

8. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein removal of the second recording medium is permitted in accordance with an end of transfer from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.

9. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first recording medium reading portion is a first insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing the first recoding medium and reading out electronic information from the inserted first recording medium; and

wherein the second recording medium reading/writing portion is a second insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing the second recording medium and

reading out and writing electronic information from and in the inserted second recording medium.